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Bert Fire Update:

Williams, Ariz., June 10, 2016—For Immediate Release. The Bert Fire on the Williams Ranger District of the Kaibab National Forest continues to increase in size daily and is expected to follow this pattern until annual monsoon precipitation arrives.

BERT FIRE OVERVIEW

Start Date: May 28, 2016.

Cause: Lightning.

Location: Ten miles southeast of Valle on highway 180 near Ebert Mountain.

Current Size: Approximately 3393 acres.

Incident Commander: Tyler Knight ICT4 / Zach Boness ICT4T

Resources: 1-11 person Fuels crew, 2-Type 3 engines, 1-Type 6 engine, and 1- resource advisor. Total personnel assigned is 25.

Smoke: Smoke will continue to be visible from Highways 180 and 64 and from the community of Valle. Volume will fluctuate from day to day depending on weather and fire activity. Predominant southwest winds are expected to transport smoke away from sensitive locations however some smoke may occasionally drift into Valle and Flagstaff with light to moderate impacts.

Current Status: Fire is moving through pinyon juniper woodlands and is reducing tree stand density meeting the desired objectives to restore historic grasslands. Much of the burned area to the north has cooled and become less active. Conversely, fire continues to be more active along the southern perimeter.

To view recent spherical panoramas and photos of the Bert Fire and the area in which it is burning, visit <http://bit.ly/BertFire2016>. Additional fire information for the Kaibab National Forest can be obtained through the following sources: InciWeb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4751/>; Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311; Text Message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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